

REMARKS

Following a Notice of Allowance mailed April 10, 2007, and pursuant to a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed herewith, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration.

Claims 1-8, 10-12, 14, 18-20, 34-41, 43-45, 47, and 51-53 are pending, with claims 1, 6, 8, 14, 18, 34, 39, 41, 47, and 51 being independent claims. In this paper, claims 1, 6, 8, 14, 18, 34, 39, 41, 47, and 51 have been amended, and claims 9 and 42 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 10, 12 and 43 also have been amended to account for the cancellation of claim 9. No new matter has been added. The application as now presented is believed to be in allowable condition.

I. Claim Amendments

Notwithstanding the previous notice of allowance, Applicants have amended the independent claims herein to further clarify Applicants' contribution to the art. The assignee of record in the present application, Color Kinetics Incorporated, recently received an Office Action from the Japanese Patent Office in Japanese Application Serial No. JP2002-546469 (the "JP469 application"), a foreign counterpart to the present application. For completeness, Applicants submit herewith an IDS to cite the recent Office Action and the claims pending in the JP469 application.

The recent Office Action in the JP469 application cited JPA2000-173783, corresponding to U.S. Patent No. 6,611,297 to Akashi *et al.* ("Akashi"). The IDS submitted herewith also cites the Akashi reference. Upon further study of Akashi in light of the Office Action in JP469, Applicants have amended the independent claims of the present application to clarify the nature of the recited "information signal" or "information." Support for the various amendments made herein may be found in the specification, at least in the following passages: page 10, lines 5-14; page 17, lines 9-21; page 22, lines 8-26; and page 39, lines 25-26.

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims as amended herein remain in condition for allowance.

II. Information Disclosure Statements

Applicants note that the following Information Disclosure Statements (IDSs) have been filed in the present application; however, to date Applicants have not received any confirmation that these IDSs have been considered by the Examiner:

- April 15, 2002 (first listed reference to “Motooka”)
- March 14, 2003 (first listed reference to “Chliwnyj”)
- April 2, 2007 (first listed reference to “Alden”)

Copies of the first two IDSs listed above, together with post cards indicating receipt by the USPTO, were faxed to the Examiner on April 23, 2007. The last IDS is available on PAIR. Applicants respectfully request that, in the next Office communication, the Examiner confirms (e.g., via initialed PTO Forms-1449) that each of the above-identified IDSs has been fully considered in connection with the pending claims.

CONCLUSION

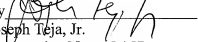
Nothing in this paper should be construed as intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify any concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application should now be in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this amendment, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicants' representative at the telephone number indicated below to discuss any outstanding issues relating to the allowability of the application.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicants hereby request any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

Respectfully submitted,

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